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Re Application of: Kenneth Turos  
Sole Inventor: Kenneth Turos  
For: Shaping Tool  
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Examiner: Sara Addisu  
Group Art Unit: 3722

**DECLARATION OF DAVID NORDGREN  
ACCOMPANYING REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION  
MAILED BY THE EXAMINER ON MARCH 10, 2005**

To: MAIL STOP Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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I, David Nordgren, declare as follows:

1. I have been a mechanic since 1973. My current employer is Jim's Alignment, 402 N. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85006.
2. I am familiar with the subject matter of the above-identified application. In addition, I have carefully studied U.S. Patent No. 4,057,884 issued on November 15, 1977 to Suzuki ("Suzuki Patent"), U.S. Patent 6,279,919 issued August 28, 2001 to Turos ("Turos Patent"), and U.S. Patent No. 1,435,288 issued on October 10, 1921 to Gifford, *et al.* ("Gifford Patent").
3. Based on my knowledge and expertise, I hereby state that a person of ordinary skill in the art would not consider either the Suzuki Patent or the Gifford Patent when trying to

provide the shaping tool described in the above-identified application.

4. In particular, one of ordinary skill in the art would not look to the Suzuki Patent for any teaching or suggestion in connection with the apparatus shown in the application. Tool users have found extremely useful the combination of the coupler, arm and swivel member. The tongue formed in one end of the swivel member includes, as shown in the application, a partially beveled edge. By positioning the partially beveled edge in the slot so that the partially beveled edge makes contact with the back surface of the slot at a desired point in rotation of the swivel head in relationship to the arm, further movement is restricted. The swivel member can be locked in a desired position during operation.

5. The device shown in the Suzuki Patent lacks that locking capacity. As a result, during use the Suzuki device vibrates and shakes, which can lead to imperfect shaping work.

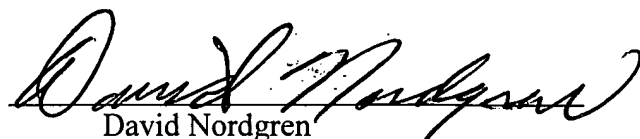
6. The device shown in the Suzuki Patent has not been widely accepted in the industry.

7. On the other hand, the shaping tool shown in the application has been recognized to be the solution to what has long been needed in the industry. Attached as Exhibit A and Exhibit B are a letter and an award received by the inventor of the shaping tool, confirming that it was one of the Top 10 Tools chosen by Undercar Digest in 2003.

8. To my knowledge, at the time the Application was filed, no one in the industry had suggested the shaping tool shown in the application.

9. Furthermore, more and more users in the industry are turning to the shaping tool as the standard for shaping work.

10. I hereby declare that all statements made in this paper of my own knowledge are true; that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine, or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, the patent that issues thereon, or any patent resulting therefrom.

  
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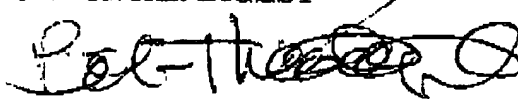
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Thank you for participating in the contest and congratulations again on your win.

Sincerely,  
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Bob Threadgill, A.E.

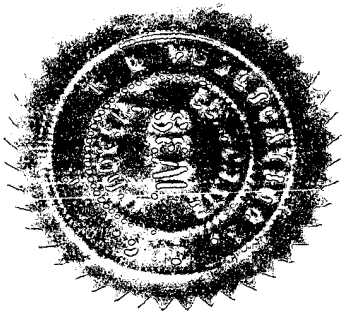
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